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TO AMEMBASSY ISLAMABAD IMMEDIATE

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SUBJECT: PAKISTAN FLOOD RELIEF

REF: ISLAMABAD 6659, STATE 162898

1. AMBASSADOR SULTAN KHAN CALLED ON ASST. SECRETARY
SISCO NOON AUGUST 17. NEA/PAB CONSTABLE AND SPRINGER SAT
IN. AMB. KHAN QUOTED FROM REUTERS DISPATCHES CONCERNING
SEVERITY OF FLOODS, STATED LABOR OF DECADES HAD BEEN WASHED
AWAY, CONTINUING RAINS WERE MAKING THIS FLOOD WORST IN
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LIVING MEMORY. SAID MOST IMMEDIATE NEED WAS FOR HELICOP-

TERS TO SURVEY DAMAGE, FIND AND LIFT OUT SURVIVORS. ALSO STRESSED IMPORTANT REQUIREMENT FOR RESCUE BOATS.

2. SISCO REPLIED DEPARTMENT IS WORKING ON RELIEF MEASURES, AND HAS BEEN ASKED BY DR. KISSINGER TO BE HELPFUL ON THIS MATTER. WE WANT TO HELP IF AT ALL POSSIBLE. WITH REGARD TO BOATS, SISCO SAID USG PREPARED IN PRINCIPLE TO SUPPLY THEM SUBJECT TO AVAILABILITY WHICH NOW UNDER OTHER CONSIDERATION. WE HOPED BE ABLE RESPOND SHORTLY WITH SPECIFIC ANSWER TO REQUEST FOR BOATS. ON HELICOPTERS, WE ARE CHECKING AVAILABILITY IN EUROPE AND THE PACIFIC. ONCE AND IF DECISION TAKEN, IT WOULD TAKE SOMEWHERE BETWEEN 48-72 HOURS TO BEGIN TO MOVE THEM IN. WHILE WE EXPLORE, WE URGE GOP CONTINUE DISCUSSIONS ON POSSIBILITY HELICOPTER ASSISTANCE WITH IRAN BECAUSE OF LATTER'S CAPABILITY AND PROXIMITY.

3. ON FOOD, SISCO STATED HE UNDERSTOOD THERE IS NO NEED FOR LARGE AMOUNTS IMMEDIATELY. WE ARE LOOKING INTO POSSIBILITIES OF COMMERCIAL PURCHASES AND DIVERSION TITLE II SUPPLIES FROM AFGHANISTAN FOR IMMEDIATE NEEDS. WE WILL CONTINUE REVIEW NEEDS FOR LONGER RANGE KEEPING MIND AGGRAVATED NEED FOR PL-480 WHEAT AND EDIBLE OIL. SISCO NOTED THAT DEPARTMENT WAS ALSO ANNOUNCING ONE MILLION RUPEE GRANT FROM EMBASSY IN ISLAMABAD.

4. AMBASSADOR KHAN NOTED THIS MONEY FROM COUNTERPART FUNDS, APPRECIATED SYMBOLIC IMPORTANCE, AND POINTED OUT NEEDS FOR FOREIGN EXCHANGE TO PERMIT GOP BE ELASTIC IN ABILITY OBTAIN RELIEF SUPPLIES.

5. SISCO REPEATED INTENTION CONTINUE LOOKING INTO PROBLEMS, SAID TOP PRIORITY NOW IS PROVIDING RESCUE CRAFT. SAID DEPARTMENT WILL INVESTIGATE POSSIBILITY OBTAINING AMPHIBIOUS VEHICLES. AMBASSADOR KHAN SAID HE APPRECIATED SPEED OUR RESPONSE AND WAS ASSURED OUR INFORMING HIM DEVELOPMENTS AS THEY OCCUR.

6. FOR ISLAMABAD, TEHRAN, NEW DELHI: PLEASE ADD INFO ADDRESSES CINCPAC, CINCEUR, FUTURE MESSAGES THIS LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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